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WEDNESDAY EVENING		
THE Customs duties received to-day were as follows:—		
Spirit: .....	...	£1400 6 11
Wine still .....	...	247 4 0
(sparking) .....	...	27 13 0
Ale, porter, and beer (in wood) .....	...	100 2 0
(in bottles) .....	...	31 5 0
To-bacco and snuff .....	...	68 3 0
Cigars .....	...	60 10 0
Coffee and chicory .....	...	31 13 0
Tea (unmanufactured) .....	...	173 1 0
Rice .....	...	0 2 0
Dried fruits .....	...	0 2 0
Herb .....	...	70 2 0
And valorem duty .....	...	511 12 0
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Proteage .....	...	17 13 0
Harbour duty .....	...	2 10 0

MEATS. Harrison, Jones and Devlin sold auction to-day six blocks of unstocked cow in the Bligh district for £6600 cash. Mr. Allison purchaser.

R. Guldabrough and Co. report by graph:—"At our opening sale of the season held this day, we sold 3200 bales of green wool at 7½, up to 15½, the latter for one lot of 32 bales. Piece lots to 29½, the latter price for 60 bales. There was a large attendance and very spirited competition."

In the Import markets there was nothing of any importance by private sale. Salt has

upward tendency, holders asking 72s. 6d., coarse Liverpool. At auction Messrs. Stables & Co. disposed of some balances of sugar at 10s. to 13s.; eleme raisins at 7d. New lamp cotton at £34; Tasmanian lumber at 8s. 6d. and the cargo of Oregon chum at 16s. 6d. to 18s. per 100 feet.

The bulk of the wool offered public to-day consisted of lots in grease. Bids did not come up to vendors' limits, and a considerable quantity was bought in. Sheepskins in good demand at late rates. The sales were—

By Messrs. Mort and Co.—Wool: Double angora bales of greasy at 11d.; C.W.B., 10 ditto at 10s.; 11

The report of the Sydney Marine Insurance Co., adopted at the meeting held to-day, shows for the past half-year a premium revenue amounting to £16,347 1s. 6d.; reinsurance outstanding risks account, £2690; interest deposits, £385 15s. 8d., which together with a credit balance of £1822 7s. 3d. from previous account made the total receipts, £25

4a. 5d. The expenditure amounted £16,453 9s. 9d., composed of the following items:—Losses and averages, £7449 12s.; reinsurance, discounts, and allowances, £278 18s. 11d.; charges, £1476 4s. 3d. After setting aside £4865 as sufficient to reimburse outstanding risks, a balance of £1476 18s. 8d. remained in credit of profit and loss, £2500 was reserved for settlement of outstanding claims, £100 appropriated to payment of a dividend of 10 per cent, and a balance of £676 18s. 8d. carried new account. Mr. R. Jones was re-elected director, and Mr. G. S. Caird an auditor.

No change occurred in the Stock and S

market. Bank shares firm. Joint Stock at 131. New South Wales at 493, and New Zealand at 174. Steam shares quiet at 100; no business done. Sydney Fire Insurance Company to move off at 60s. 8d. New Marine offered at 9s. 6d. In debentures the only transactions were in Sugar Company 6 per cents. due 1875 at 102.

Messrs. Bradley, Newton, and Lamb hold a sale of tin ore and copper to-morrow.

The *Aryna* of Saturday reports of the Melbourne markets:—

In the import markets to-day business has been less active than usual, and very special importance has been allowed to be attached to the sale of the *Warrigal* and *Warrigal* somewhat insignificant; no sales beyond the few buyers' lot.

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**MINING.**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING.**

GOLD shares suffered a slight recovery to-  
They were a little firmer, without being  
salable. Carroll-Beards changed hands at  
to 7s. 3d., Dayspring at 3s. 9d., Krohm-  
at 13s. 9d. In copper, there was a little  
action in Peak Downs, which sold at par,  
were offered at 19s. 6d. Normandy sol-  
4s. 9d., sellers at 4s. No transactions in co-  
Band of Hope Co. Amsford.—The mining man-  
writer. We are now in drive 253 feet of a block  
for the better has taken place. In the sum-  
W. E. G.

in a fine slate country, and have, I trust, entirely done for three hundred we have been in so long. There are two fine veins of very pure rubby and quartz at the end of the diorite, that could be broken out with the pick, we enabled the contractor to get through 5 feet last week, and we are now getting the quartz out. I expect every shot to come upon the diorite. The report states he has received a box of samples of slate and quartz taken out of the drive, which are now at the office of the Southern Copper Co. — Managers report received the following from the mining captain, dated C. 10th inst. — "I have sent you two telegrams, at one of which I have mentioned the fact that we have a splendid vein of quartz and copper in our main shaft. I measured it to-day, and find that we have 11 feet of it, and no signs of wall either east or west of it. I am so glad of this, as I have been told that we can now say with all confidence that you have a rich permanent mine."

has been struck of feet, making total depth of shaft feet. The lode is well defined, and varies in thickness from 1 to 2 feet. The gold is free, and open out on the lode is about a ton.

Wheeler Johnson Tin Co.—Mining manager advises telegram that the yield of one last week was 7 tons. Company's report for the week ending March 10, on instant, reports:—"I am glad to be able to inform you there is a great improvement in the vein; the stone is better, and the gold is better, gold being freely distributed throughout the vein. The accident taken place in this breaking-down of quartz. I further inform you should it continue to improve, the vein will last longer, and the quartz is good. The vein is about 6 feet in thickness, and shows very good. The vein on each shaft is about 1 foot thick."

recent crushing and treating.—No. 1 sprays, 3 tons & 2 qrs., yielded 985 oz. 19 wats; 14 spms.; and 7 black stones.

North Williams G. M. Co. The mining managers, as follows, for week ending 20th inst.:—"The haul has been sunk 61 feet for the week, making a total depth of 819 ft. The nature of the country through which the shaft has taken place this week is largely mixed with quartz and mudstone, has comprised all colours—from blue gray to reddish brown, and is given to underground water. The nature of the rock our shaft is very similar to that which was at the Williams claim at the time when they struck the vein. It is composed of a hard, crystalline material, the work closing up the channels; it is also full of small underlay, and a few shots in this wall will make the rock proper width. The closing in of this wall cut over 100 ft. from the top of the vein, and the vein itself widened to 14 inch, but I could not get any gold in

stone. Altogether, a decided improvement in the cut  
being sunk through has taken place during the  
week.











